

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 05, 2019
AGENDA SETTING MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kowalski presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed, Chairman Bette Jane Kowalski, Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella, Freeholder Angela R. Garretson, Freeholder Sergio Granados, Freeholder Christopher Hudak, Freeholder Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, Freeholder Andrea Staten, and Freeholder Rebecca Williams were present; with Freeholder Angel G. Estrada absent.

Also present were County Manager Edward T. Oatman, County Counsel Robert E. Barry, Esq., and Clerk of the Board James E. Pellettiere.

PRAYER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

The prayer and salute to the flag were led by Clerk of the Board Pellettiere.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

The statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act was read by Clerk of the Board Pellettiere.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS

Note and File

Oath of Office: Human Services Advisory Council: Erica Carter-Wood and Marge Zarkowski; Union County Mental Health Advisory Board; Sonja A. Ash.

Chairman Kowalski advised that the communications would be approved during next week's Regular Meeting.

OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY PROSECUTOR

Lyndsay V. Ruotolo, Acting Prosecutor

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a contract with Witmer Public Safety Group, Coatesville, PA through NJ State Contract T0106 for the purpose of trading in obsolete firearms and receiving a credit towards the purchase of new firearms to be utilized by the Office of the Prosecutor. Credit not to exceed \$48,575.00 will be applied toward the purchase total not to exceed \$51,017.58. (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Laura Scutari, Director

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Amending Resolution Number 2019-23, a professional services contract with Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, LLC, Warren, New Jersey to serve as special counsel for personnel matters, to increase the amount by \$75,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$185,000. (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING, PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Joseph Graziano, Director

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Amending Resolution Number 2014-775 adopted on September 18, 2018, a Professional Construction Management and Inspection Service contract with Mast Construction, of Little Falls, New Jersey for additional construction management and inspection services for the Union County Courthouse Fire Code Upgrades Phase C3 Tower - Elevator Replacement Project, in an amount not to exceed \$156,250.00 for a new contract amount not to exceed \$2,025,828.00. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2010-033C) (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)
2. Authorizing the County Manager to submit a grant application, and if awarded, to enter into an Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) - 2020 Local Bridges, Future Needs Program - LBFN 2020-00009 for the Dill Avenue Bridge, over Peach Orchard Brook, Linden Li43, Structure 2009043, City of Linden, County of Union, New Jersey. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2017-014) (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)
3. Authorizing the County Manager to submit a grant application, and if awarded, to enter into an Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) - 2020 Local Bridges, Future Needs Program - LBFN 2020-00008 for the Caldwell Place Bridge, over Stream 10-35-5, Springfield Sp37, Structure 2017037, City of

Springfield, County of Union, New Jersey. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2017-016) (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)

4. Authorizing the County Manager to submit a grant application, and if awarded, to enter into an Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) – 2020 Local Bridges, Future Needs Program – LBFN 2020-00007 for the Randolph Road Bridge over Cedar Brook, Plainfield P111, Structure 2012011, City of Plainfield, County of Union, New Jersey. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2018-009) (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)
5. Authorizing the County Manager to submit a grant application, and if awarded, to enter into an Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) – 2020 Local Bridges, Future Needs Program – LBFN 2020-00004 for the Hamilton Street Bridge over Robinsons Branch of the Rahway River, Rahway Ra29, Structure 2013029, City of Rahway, County of Union, New Jersey. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2018-008) (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)
6. Authorizing the County Manager to submit a grant application, and if awarded, to enter into an Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) – 2020 Local Bridges, Future Needs Program – LBFN 2020-00006 for the Central Avenue Bridge over the Robinsons Branch of the Rahway River, Rahway Ra20, Structure 2013020, City of Rahway, County of Union, New Jersey. (Union County Engineering Project Number 2018-007) (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)
7. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with PowerBilt Steel Buildings, Virginia Beach, VA for the purchase and installation of a Constructed Steel Storage Shed for the Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities Management, for an amount not to exceed \$27,000.00. (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)
8. Resolution granting permission to The Arc of Union County to hang a banner on Mountain Avenue, Mountainside, from Wednesday, September 18 to Wednesday, October 2, 2019 in recognition of its 70th anniversary celebration. (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)
9. Granting permission to the Township of Berkeley Heights to hang a banner across Springfield Avenue and Plainfield Avenue from November 7th to December 9th, 2109 for "Winter Walk 2019". (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)
10. Granting permission to the City of Linden to close Wood Avenue, from Blancke Street to Elm Street on October 19, 2019 from noon to 8:00 p.m. for the inaugural "Linden Latin Festival". (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)
11. Granting permission to the Springfield First Aid Squad, Inc., to hang a banner across Meisel Avenue / South Springfield Avenue, Township of Springfield from September 15

- through September 30, 2019 for "Volunteer Recruitment". (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)
12. Granting permission to the Town of Westfield to close North Avenue West (County Road 610) in the vicinity of East Broad Street on September 11, 2019 from 6:30 p.m. to approximately 8:30 p.m. for the 9/11 Memorial Commemoration Ceremony. (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)
 13. Granting permission to the Borough of Fanwood – Fanny Wood Day Committee to close Martine Avenue from South Avenue to LaGrande Avenue, and South Avenue from First Street to Second Avenue from September 3, 2019 through September 17, 2019; and further to display a banner on Borough property announcing the event that is scheduled for Sunday, September 15, 2019. (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)
 14. Granting permission to the Township of Springfield to hang a banner across Mountain Avenue at the intersection of No. Trivett Avenue from September 1st to Oct. 21, 2019 to advertise the fall festival and car show; and further to close Mountain Avenue between Morris Avenue and Caldwell Place on Sunday, October 6th from 6 a.m. until 7 p.m. with a rain date of Sunday, October 20, 2019 to advertise same. (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Debbie-Ann Anderson, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for and enter into agreement with NJ Department of Community Affairs (NJDCA) to secure Recreation Opportunities for People with Disabilities (ROID) Program Grant funding in the amount of \$35,000 with a required County Match of \$7,000 for a total program amount of \$42,000 the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. (Freeholder Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)

Freeholder Hudak asked Director Anderson to confirm that this was not a new grant but rather a recertification and asked if fees were consistent in comparison to previous years.

Director Anderson advised that this was not a new grant and confirmed that the \$35,000 fee had not changed from the previous year.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to designate the Union County Intoxicated Driver Resource Center (IDRC) under the Union County Department of Human Services, Division of Individual & Family Support Services, for the purpose of providing state mandated education, alcohol/drug abuse evaluation, and treatment referral for persons charged and/or convicted of Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)/Driving Under the Influence (DUI) for 1st offenders, 3rd offenders and repeat offenders during the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020; as required by the New Jersey

Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health & Addiction Services, Intoxicated Driving Program (IDP). (Freeholder Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)

3. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into a lease agreement with The Gateway Family YMCA, Elizabeth Branch, to rent space for the 2020 Intoxicated Driver Resource Center (IDRC) education classes for twenty-five (25) IDRC classes at a rate of \$520 per day for a minimum of 50 scheduled days during the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in the total amount not to exceed \$26,000. (Freeholder Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)

Relative to item nos. 2 and 3, Freeholder Granados asked Director Anderson to provide an approximate number of participants.

Director Anderson advised that relative to the IDRC classes, 469 individuals had participated thus far in 2019. She added that in 2018, 851 individuals had participated in the initiative.

4. Amending Resolution 2019-530, adopting the 2019 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Spending Plan grant modification, to reflect additional grant dollars in the amount of \$492,167.00 for a new total not to exceed \$762,777.86 as outlined in the spending plan; no other changes to the terms of the 2019 CSBG Spending Plan. (Freeholder Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Andrew Moran, Director

1. Authorizing the County Manager to enter into an agreement with NMS Laboratories, Willow Grove, PA, for post-mortem toxicology lab services for basic and expanded testing services, for a contract term of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$120,000.00. (Freeholder Christopher Hudak)

Vice Chairman Mirabella asked Director Moran to elaborate on the services included and to advise if the cost for these services has increased from previous years.

Director Moran advised that services included forensic testing of urine, blood, and tissue samples. He added that the item related to a two year agreement, with an increase of \$20,000 for a not-to-exceed total of \$120,000. He noted that an increase was anticipated to accommodate the additional testing required related to opioid-related deaths.

2. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for, accept, and expend funds awarded through the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management (NJOEM) Preparedness Bureau via NJEMGrants for successful applicants funded through the 2019 Emergency Management Agency Assistance (EMAA) Grant FFY2019 in an amount not to exceed \$110,000.00; consisting of up to a \$55,000.00 Federal Award (with a County in-kind match of up to \$55,000.00). FFY2019 EMMA funding for the performance period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. (Freeholder Christopher Hudak)

3. Authorizing the County Manager to apply for accept and expend \$167,387.00 from the Department of Justice's 2019 Edward Byrne Memorial Grant Program for the purpose of providing local law enforcement agencies with the necessary training and equipment to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the criminal justice system. (Freeholder Christopher Hudak)

Freeholder Granados asked Director Moran to elaborate on this item.

Director Moran advised that this item was grant-funded and was intended to fund training as well as communication, security, licensing and other related purchases for three law enforcement agencies—Elizabeth, Linden, and Plainfield.

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

Robert Barry, County Counsel

There were no questions or comments by the Board.

1. Amending Resolution 2019-566 dated June 27, 2019 to increase the appropriation to Kologi & Simitz of Linden, NJ in the matter entitled Emmanuel Mervilus v. UC, et als. in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 for a sum not to exceed \$55,000.00 (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)

FREEHOLDER SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS

Freeholder Kowalski advised that she would have additional resolutions to add to next week's Regular Meeting.

Freeholder Williams also advised that she would have an additional resolution to add to next week's Regular Meeting.

1. Resolution recognizing Bris Avrohom as they celebrate their 40th Annual Dinner and their 34th Year of Gala Weddings held on September 15, 2019. (Freeholder Angela R. Garretson & Freeholder Sergio Granados)

Chairman Kowalski asked to join this resolution.

2. Resolution offering this Board's deepest sympathies to the family of Marie Carmelle Crepin during their time of sorrow. (Freeholder Angela R. Garretson)
3. Resolution offering this Board's sincere condolences to the family of Robert Lee Drummond, during their time of sorrow. (Freeholder Angela R. Garretson)

Freeholder Garretson spoke relative to Robert Lee Drummond and noted that he was the first person in New Jersey and the 17th in the entire country to receive a Dura-Heart, a ventricular assist device.

4. Resolution offering this Board's sincere condolences to the family of Michael Hargrove, during their time of sorrow. (Freeholder Angela R. Garretson)
5. Congratulating the Award recipients of the Elizabeth Development Company at its 7th Annual Leadership Award Reception on September 25, 2019. (Freeholder Sergio Granados)

On Freeholder Estrada's behalf, Freeholder Granados asked for Freeholder Estrada to be added to this resolution.

6. Resolution congratulating each of the honorees being recognized by the Hispanic Law Enforcement Association of Union County at their 28th Annual Gala on October 11, 2019. (Freeholder Sergio Granados & Freeholder Angel G. Estrada)

Freeholder Palmieri-Mouded asked to join this resolution.

7. Resolution appointing Carolee Marano as a member of the Advisory Board on the Disabled to fill an unexpired term ending December 31, 2019. (Freeholder Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded)
8. Resolution appointing Alexander Rasi as a member of the Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (LACADA) to fill an unexpired term ending March 31, 2020. (Freeholder Andrea Staten)
9. Resolution congratulating Reverend Tracey L. Brown of Ruth Fellowship Ministries for her 20th pastoral anniversary. (Freeholder Rebecca Lynne Williams)

Freeholder Staten asked to join this resolution.

10. Resolution sponsoring the Town of Westfield's Cultural Diversity Day Festival held on September 14, 2019 in the amount of \$1,000. (Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella & the Entire Board)
11. Resolution sponsoring the Township of Union 4th Annual Hispanic Heritage Fiesta held on September 15, 2019 in the amount of \$1,000. (Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella & the Entire Board)
12. Resolution sponsoring the General Pulaski Memorial Committee of St. Theresa for their various events culminating with the Pulaski Parade on October 6, 2019 in the amount of \$4,000. (Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella & the Entire Board)

13. Resolution sponsoring the Elizabeth Promise Awards' 5k Walk/Run on October 20, 2019 in the amount of \$1,000. (Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella & the Entire Board)
14. Resolution congratulating the YWCA of Union County as they celebrate their 99th Anniversary. (Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella & the Entire Board)
15. Resolution sponsoring the Linden Halloween Parade Committee for their annual parade held on October 27, 2019 in the amount of \$4,000. (Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella & the Entire Board)
16. Congratulating Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County on celebrating the accomplishments of the Master Gardener volunteers on Sunday, September 22, 2019. (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)
17. Resolution appointing Roshan White to the Workforce Development Board to a three-year term commencing July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2022. (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)
18. Resolution congratulating Jim DiMaio, owner of Derco Print, upon his retirement after 48 years of serving the greater Berkeley Heights area; and further wishing him well in his retirement and on all future endeavors. (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)
19. Resolution congratulating each of the six (6) honorees of the Linden Good Scout Awards Dinner being recognized for serving as exemplary role models for the youth of their community through their various vocations or avocations: Bishop Manuel K. Donelson; Chief David Heart; Freeholder Christopher Hudak; Sandy Jackson; June Lazaro; and Courtney K. Villani. (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski)

Vice Chairman Mirabella suggested the entire Board join this resolution recognizing Freeholder Christopher Hudak, among others; Chairman Kowalski agreed.

20. Resolution congratulating Joseph Charles Gasper, of Boy Scout Troop 83, Kenilworth, upon attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. (Chair Bette Jane Kowalski & Freeholder Christopher Hudak)

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Kowalski asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion made by Vice Chairman Mirabella and seconded by Freeholder Granados a voice vote showed eight members of the Board voted in the affirmative; with Freeholder Estrada absent.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 P.M.

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS 2019 MEETING SCHEDULE

Please note that meetings are regularly held on Thursday evenings. Agenda Setting Sessions and Regular Meetings are held at 7:00pm in the Freeholders' Meeting Room, Administration Building, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, 6th Floor, Elizabeth, New Jersey, unless otherwise specified. In the event an Agenda Setting Session and Regular Meeting are held on the same night, the Agenda Setting Session will commence at 7:00pm and the Regular Meeting will commence as soon as possible after the Agenda Setting Session.

Persons requiring a sign language interpreter should contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at 908-527-4140.

REORGANIZATION MEETING – SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2019 at 12:00 pm
 Assignment Judge Karen M. Cassidy's Courtroom, 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ

AGENDA SETTING SESSION

REGULAR MEETINGS

January 17, 2019

January 24, 2019

February 7, 2019
 February 21, 2019

February 14, 2019
 February 21, 2019

March 7, 2019
 March 28, 2019

March 14, 2019
 March 28, 2019

April 4, 2019
 April 25, 2019

April 11, 2019
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May 16, 2019
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June 13, 2019
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June 20, 2019
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July 25, 2019

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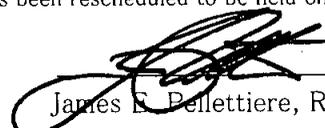
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AMENDMENTS TO THE 2019 FREEHOLDER MEETING SCHEDULE

* The Agenda Setting Session of May 9, 2019 has been rescheduled to be held on May 2, 2019. Same time and location.

**The Agenda Setting Session and the Regular Meeting of May 30th has been rescheduled to be held on May 23, 2019. Same time and location.



James E. Bellettiere, RMC, MPA
 Clerk of the Board